

**Minutes**  
**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

Attendees: Martha Scott, Pam Veire, Tracy Mecum, Kim Odegaard, Bruce Odegaard (by proxy), Chris Spurgeon, Greg Waterman

1. Call To Order – Martha Scott  
Martha called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Approve April Board Meeting Minutes – Tracy Mecum  
Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Board Minutes, and there were none. Kim Odegaard made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Pam Veire seconded the motion; and the Board voted approval of the minutes.
3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood  
Because Bernie was unable to attend the meeting, she sent a report as follows:  
Current club membership is 196. Of these, four will be leaving at the end of the year. There are two applications with payment pending. Thank you to Chuck, Mike and Chris for helping to get the new membership component operational on our website. The application form is online, and the information automatically populates the membership database. We've figured out how to apply various plans to identify new members who have applied, but not paid; new members who have paid, but have not yet completed orientation; current members who need to renew at the end of December; and new members who joined after April, so will not need to pay again until the end of December 2026. Emails are auto-generated thanking new members for applying and reminding them to send their dues payment. After receipt of Zelle payment, a second email is autogenerated with instructions on how to contact Bill Scott for orientation. Once orientation is complete, the system is updated moving the new member from 'pending' to 'active' status, which allows them to register for hikes. It is expected that an autogenerated email will be sent to members who have not renewed by December 26<sup>th</sup>. We hoped to set this to December 20<sup>th</sup>, but the system has a default of 5 days for those who have not renewed. We've had several new members in the last couple of weeks, and the system appears to be working well.  
  
Bernie can answer any questions anyone has at our next meeting, or she can be contacted directly, if desired.
4. Financial Report – Pam Veire  
Current balance after expenses and with income (dues) added is \$4517.
5. Old Business – Special Hikes/Events
  - a. Fall foliage hike in Cottonwood was cancelled due to a conflict with November Meeting and Ice Cream Social.

- b. Thanksgiving Cookout – Volunteers needed? Cost per person will remain \$7? Greg will let Martha know cost after checking out current cost of items required for the cookout. Additional volunteers can be requested at November 10 meeting, if needed.

## 6. New Business

- a. Hikes on Wednesday, Oct 29  
To replace the trip to Chaco Canyon, which had to be cancelled due to government shutdown, the club will be using the Cholla Day Use Ramada at Dutchman State Park on Wednesday, October 29. There will be two hikes: a Short Hike – Treasure Loop Trail – 2.5 miles – leaving at 8 AM and a Casual Hike – Treasure Trail/Siphon Drive Loop – 3.5 miles – leaving at 7:15 AM. Hikers will bring their own lunch, a beverage and a chair. The club will provide dessert
- b. Monday hikes to Poston Butte – Will begin on Nov 17 at 8:00 AM and continue weekly after that date – 2.5 to 3-mile hike. Hikers will meet at Union Center, then drive as a group to Poston Butte.
- c. Gino Loni has arranged a Kayak Trip for Hiking Club members on Nov 12. The trip will be at Saguaro Lake where participants will hike the Butcher-Jones trail, have lunch at the Saguaro Lake Grill then on a 2-hour unguided trip around Saguaro Lake. .
- d. 16-Week Hit the Trail Challenge will begin Nov 19  
Individual completion goal of over 60% of the hikes in a particular group (S, CI, UI or A). Small prize will be awarded.

The club may also award a larger prize to the person who hikes the most miles for the 2025-26 Season (presented at the year-end party?).

- e. Plans/volunteers for Ice Cream Social at November meeting.  
Martha will ask if anyone would like to help serve ice cream for the Social at the hikes on Wednesday, Oct 22 and/or Oct 29.
- f. Special hikes and speakers – January through March  
January – Pinal City Hike on January 10 – Greg will organize.  
February – Full moon cookout – Friday, Feb 13 – Ghost stories.

Other ideas – Cotton gin tour, Old House Tour in Florence (Feb), Burro project at the Florence Prison, Overnight Camping Trip in February or March.

- g. December Meeting ‘Gear Swap and Sell’ needs a plan.  
Martha will ask for volunteers at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Tracy will request long tables to hold the gear for the garage sale.

- h. Review of Budget for approval 2006-2027 budget at December Meeting  
The Board will review and preliminarily approve next year's budget at the November Board Meeting in preparation for membership approval at the December General Meeting.
  - i. Spring Trip Ideas  
Trip to Parker, Organ Pipe National Park, Sedona, etc.  
Fall 2026 – try for Chaco Canyon again
  - j. Thoughts on combining CI and I hikes into one level beginning January 2026.  
The Board felt this was a good idea, given that attendance at Intermediate hikes has dropped dramatically and the Casual Intermediate Group has grown.
  - k. Club Expo – Saturday, Nov 22 – 11:30 to 2 pm  
Volunteers to man the booth are Bernie, Martha, and Greg
  - l. Time to reorder hats? Color? Price has gone up from \$18 to \$21  
Colors picked were Neon blue/ Texas orange – 50 of each  
Kim suggested we try Spectrum Printing in Coolidge (seen advertised on a sign near the Elks on Attaway).
7. Questions from Bruce
- a. Is there a back-up system for website? Yes, via thumb drives/Google drive back-up is in process.
  - b. All Trails – Gino – Need a report. There should be a training for hike leaders on how to map hikes for AllTrails.
  - c. Cliff's login issue – is being handled.
8. Next Board Meeting – Monday, November 17 at 4:00 PM
9. Adjourn  
Pam Veire made a motion we adjourn; Tracy Mecum seconded the motion; the Board voted approval at 5:32 PM.